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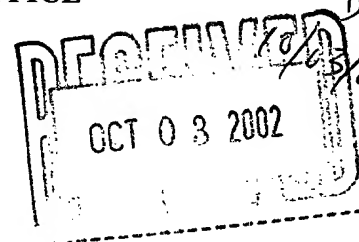
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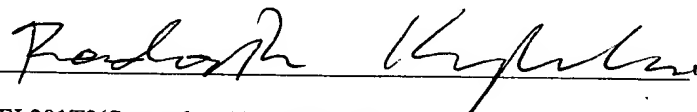
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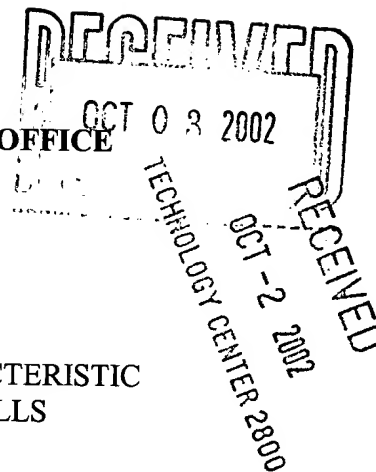
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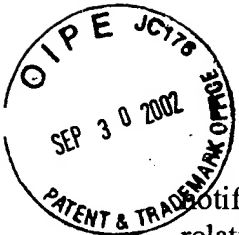
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1. We wish to make of record certain citations listed in the International Search Report in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97.
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The Examiner has found those documents of interest when preparing the search.

The present submission was not made at an earlier date, since the materials submitted were not available to the attorney about the time of filing of the application. The attorney endeavors to



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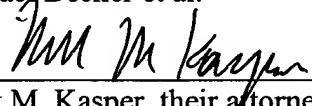
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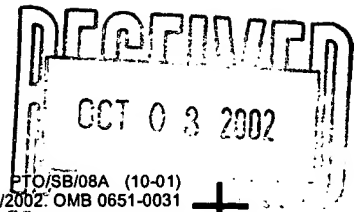
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